

**PLATO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Plato Town Hall, Plato Center, IL
May 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor McMahon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Mike McMahon; Trustees: Jake Myers, Ron Straub, and Heather Wallace; Township Clerk Beth Gehrke; Highway Commissioner Larry Trainor

Absent: Trustee Joe Hulke

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There was no township business from citizens brought to the Township Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Gehrke emailed the Township Officials the April 23, 2024, regular board meeting minutes prior to tonight's meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024, regular board meeting was made by Hulke, seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

KANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Deputy Lathan asked if there were any concerns to be brought to the attention of the Sherriff's Department. Speeding was raised as a concern, especially on Russell Rd. and through town.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor McMahon emailed the financials to the Township's Officials prior to the meeting. He reviewed and explained the financials and answered questions.

Financial Reports, Warrants, & Affirm Bills-April 2024

Warrants	Plato Township	\$	45,451.00
	Plato Road		40,637.52
Total Current Assets:	Plato Township	\$	775,929.29
	Plato Road		861,741.13

A motion to approve the May 2024, warrants and financial reports subject to audit was made by Wallace, seconded by Straub. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

McMahon presented the Annual Treasurer's Report. The township is now earning interest on its funds. Over \$50,000 in interest income has been received to date.

A motion to suspend the regular board meeting to hold the Budget and Appropriations hearing was made at 6:18PM by McMahon, seconded by Myers. Motion carried.

A motion to reconvene the regular board meeting was make at 6:29 PM by Straub, seconded by Myers. Motion carried.

Annual Audit

The audit went well. The draft has been sent to the bookkeeper. The final audit should be available at the next meeting.

Cemetery

Steve Laird, Cemetery Board Member, passed away. Additional people are needed to serve on the board. There are presently 2 members, at least 3 are needed.

Central School District 301

CSD 301 has hired an independant consultant regarding future building needs.

Assessor's Office

Supervisor McMahon and Assessor Roush reported on the search for an assessor for the next term of office. Ideally candidates should live in and understand the township. An increase of pay and benefits may be necessary to attract candidates. An appointment is possible if no one is elected.

Illinois Township Attorney's Association

McMahon reported on his attendance at the Illinois Township Attorney Association meeting.

Township Supervisor's Meeting

McMahon reported on his attendance at the Township Supervisor's meeting.

Town hall and Park Exterior

McMahon has been pricing exterior painting work to the township building.

A good relationship continues with CDBL.

A Capital Park Fund was suggested being created for future larger expenses at the park.

Town hall Building Update

The town hall will need replacing in the future. Land has not been located for construction.

Plato Park

Work on the park gates has been completed. Seal coating will not be done this year.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Trainor reported on Road District activities including status of the Muirhead bridge, Bahr Road, and resurfacing projects.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Roush provided the board with a written report which she reviewed and is attached. Books have been turned in.

CLERK'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mosquito Spraying

A potential for mosquito control via helicopter, which was proposed to Supervisor McMahon, was discussed. Concern was expressed regarding residents being unaware if this method was used.

The Highway District puts larvacide in standing water within their jurisdiction.

Flag Protocol

Flag protocol regarding half staff flying of the flag was discussed.

A motion to follow federal protocol on the lowering of the flag was made by Wallace, seconded by Straub.

Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

Lights have been ordered for the township's flag pole.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no comments.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:23PM by Hulke, seconded by Myers. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Gehrke, Plato Township Clerk

Approved by:

Mike McMahon, Supervisor

Joe Hulke, Trustee

Jake Myers, Trustee

Ron Straub, Trustee

Heather Wallace, Trustee

TO: Plato Township Board
RE: Assessor Report
Date: May 28, 2024

April 23, 2024 - May 28, 2024

Sales processed: 26
Permits House processed: 15
Measured Homes: 17
Permits Extras processed: 114
Measured Extras: 3
Address Changes processed: 81
Divisions/Consolidations: 0
Parcel Count: 5521

We are still measuring new improvements when the weather permits.

We continue to update properties as we find new information.

I am also answering numerous phone calls and emails with questions on their tax bills and the increases some properties are experiencing.

I have turned my books to the County and waiting to find out what my multiplier will be.

I have notified the County, the County Assessor's Association of my retirement and placed a job opening in the Illinois Property Assessment Institute website.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roush - CIAO
Plato Township Assessor